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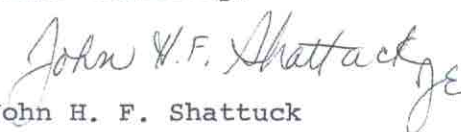
Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I am sorry to have taken so interminably long to respond to your similarly interminable letter of last spring.

Frankly, I've been at a loss about how to respond. While I'm grateful to you for taking such pains to set forth your long struggles with the federal government, and particularly the FBI, I'm afraid what you have told me belongs in one of your books but is not something that a lawyer can get a handle on -- at least not this lawyer.

I wait anxiously for the D.C. Circuit's en banc ruling in your FOIA case. Meanwhile, I'm enclosing a copy of a very interesting FOIA decision by Judge Parker of the D.C. District Court, dealing with issues somewhat similar to those in your case and resolving them in favor of disclosure.

Yours sincerely,

  
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